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## PRESS RELEASE

### SENIOR U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL JUDITH A. MCHALE VISITS DHAKA, FEBRUARY 6-8

**DHAKA, FEBRUARY 4** -- Judith A. McHale, Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, arrives on Saturday, February 6 on a three-day visit to Bangladesh. Ms. McHale is the highest ranking Obama Administration official to visit Bangladesh.

Under Secretary McHale's portfolio includes all State Department-funded educational and cultural exchanges programs, including the Fulbright program. During her visit, she will meet with Bangladesh government officials, academics, and business and civil society leaders.

Prior to joining the State Department, Ms. McHale was the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Discovery Communications. While at Discovery, Ms. McHale launched innovative education and development initiatives in the United States and around the world, including the Discovery Channel Global Education Partnership, which provides free educational programming and technological support to more than a half million students at 200 schools and community centers throughout rural Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

Under Secretary McHale's biography is available at  
<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/biog/124007.htm>

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